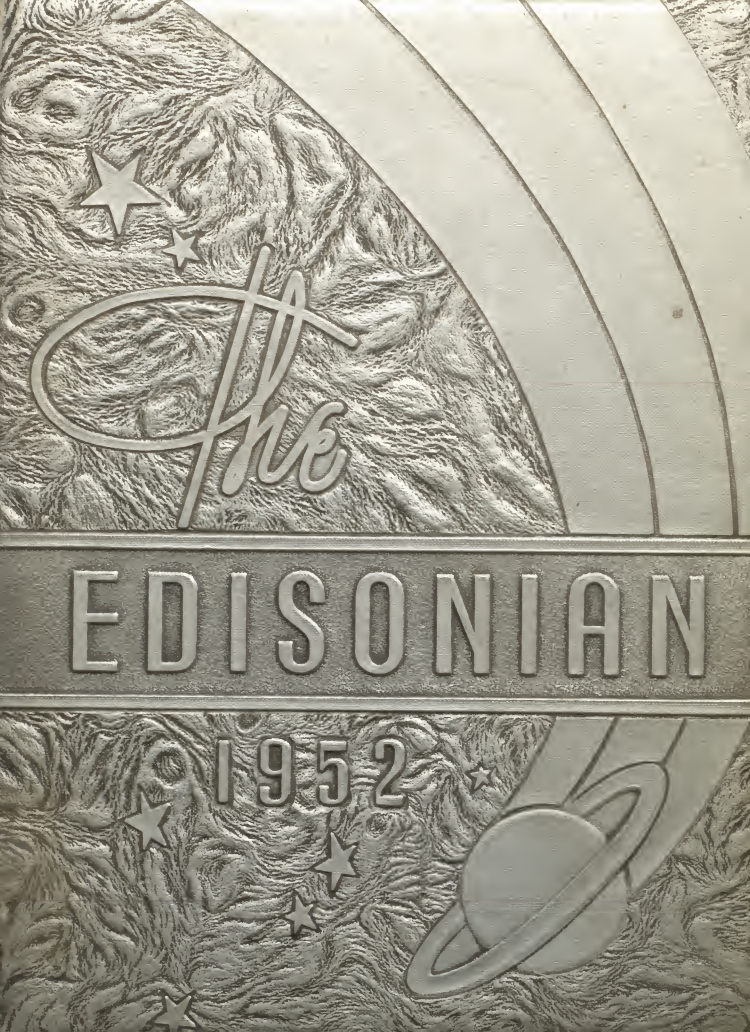

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OUR MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL
DAYS AT EDISON

FOREWORD

Between the covers of this, *The 1952 Edisonian*, we have endeavored to record some of the memories of the school year at Edison. In composing this book, the staff hopes to capture for you in picture and print the events that would otherwise soon become only hazy memories of a happy year.

As you turn the pages of this book, mindfully turn back the hands of time to the month of September, 1951, and follow through to May, 1952. We hope that every reader enjoys this record of the school year of 1951-52 preserved in *The 1952 Edisonian*.





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TO MR. WILLIAM VORWALD IN APPRECIATION OF HIS AMBITION AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP AND GUIDE US THROUGH THIS YEAR, BOTH IN CLASSROOM AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, WE, THE STAFF, DEDICATE THIS, OUR *1952 Edisonian*. HIS LOYALTY, PATIENCE, AND COOPERATION HAVE AIDED US IN MANY WAYS IN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS IN CLASSES.



ADMINISTRATION

WITHIN THIS SECTION ARE PICTURED THE PEOPLE WHO OPEN EDISON'S DOORS OF EDUCATION TO THE STUDENTS. ONLY THEIR GUIDANCE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CLASS, A YEARBOOK, A BAND, A BASKETBALL TEAM, AND MANY ACTIVITIES. IT IS THROUGH THEIR ASSISTANCE THAT STUDENTS OF EDISON BECOME EDUCATED.



MELVIN ANDERSON, JR.
President



GEORGE GARBER
Secretary



FRED L. KITCHEL
Treasurer

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CLARA DONOVAN
School Clerk



NEWANA RUSH
Principal's Office Clerk





Virgil I. Bailey
Superintendent

Congratulations to the graduates at Commencement Season! Truly, this is for you a beginning of a new era in your life, bringing with it new opportunities, new responsibilities, new interests, new friends, new joys, and new sorrows.

Your education does not end with graduation from high school; it will continue throughout life. Some of you will continue your education at institutions of higher learning, but most of the members of the class will seek employment. The immediate objective of your employment is the pay you will receive, but the more remote is your success in life. Charles M. Schwab once said, "The best investment a young man starting out can possibly make is to give all his time, all his energies to work, just plain hard work." Work is the foundation stone of success. Be enthusiastic in your work. Every man is enthusiastic at times; one man has enthusiasm for thirty minutes, another man has it for thirty days, but it is the man who has it for thirty years who makes a success in life. Be ambitious to succeed, devoting all your energies to achieving your goals, making sure of a greater goal ahead each time you attain your immediate objective, for ambition is like a torrent — it can never rest or look back.

"Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunders and some absurdities crept in, but forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you should begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."—Emerson.

The great aim of man's creation is the development of a grand and noble character — and a great and good character is, by its very nature, the product of the discipline of self. Cyrus once said, "Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings." Good character cannot be developed without the exercise of good common sense. Strength of character is shown in the honesty, humility, mercy, kindness, reliability, patience, hope, and charity evidenced by the truly noble.

I wish you the best of success and the greatest happiness for each day of your life.

VIRGIL I. BAILEY
Superintendent of Schools



Claude P. Roos
Principal

The time of graduation is an important occasion in the lives of the members of the Class of '52. It is a time when everyone of you is looking to the future. Some are thinking of college days while others are planning to secure jobs immediately in industry, stores, offices, etc.

If there is any one thing I hope you have learned more than others during the four years spent here, it is that work is the most honorable thing in life. A life work along useful lines is a successful life no matter what degree of fame or fortune is the final result. There is nothing more repulsive than to see a young man spend his days in seeking his own idle pleasures without adding one thing mental or material to this great bustling and needy world.

Each person who starts out in life hopes that the path will be smooth, the hills easy, the sun not too hot nor the winds of winter very cold. In other words, we dread the hardening and toughening process which nature seems to need to make sturdy men and women.

A poet has given us a beautiful thought along this line of thinking:

"If the goal is worth possessing, it is worth the price in pain;
If you have a dream worth holding, it's worth struggling to attain;
For the joys that last the longest, as the distant bends are turned,
Are not the easy splendors, but the joys which you have earned.
"If you'd reach the mountain's summit, you must have the will to climb;
If you'd rise to fame and glory, you must work and bide your time;
For the victory that's sweetest when life's full returns are in
Is the one that tried your patience and took all your strength to win."

In whatever endeavor you take up, may you ever remember the thought the poet has so ably expressed in these few lines of the poem. With this thought goes my best wishes for success to each member of the Class of '52.

CLAUDE P. ROOS
Principal

FACULTY

IONA CRISMAN

English, Latin — Junior Sponsor, Play Coach, Eagle Feathers Sponsor.

BONNIE ETIENNE

English, Biology — Senior Sponsor, Sunshine Society Sponsor, Dean of Girls.

BENJAMIN OWEN

English — Sophomore Sponsor.

WILLIAM VORWALD

Science, Mathematics — Senior Sponsor, Student Council Sponsor, Booster Club Sponsor, Track.

STEFAN A. GAZA

Social Studies, Mathematics — Junior Sponsor, Assistant Football and Basketball Coach.

JACK OWEN

Social Studies, Driver Training — Freshman Sponsor, Basketball Coach, E-Men's Club Sponsor.

HAZEL HARTLEY

Business Education — Junior Sponsor, Edisonian Sponsor, Eagle Feathers Sponsor, Commercial Club Sponsor.

MARJORIE BRADY

Business Education.





FACULTY

JOHN P. SZABO

Shop — Freshman Sponsor, Hi-Y Sponsor, Sweet Shop.

MARY JOAN GREGER

Home Economics — Sophomore Sponsor, Home Economics Club Sponsor.

PAUL SNEDEKER

Band — Sophomore Sponsor, Sweet Shop.

NAOMI J. GRABILL

Music — Freshman Sponsor.

DANA BROWN

Librarian — Senior Sponsor.

VALERIA PRUITT

Girls Physical Education — Freshman Sponsor, Girls Athletic Association Sponsor.

STEVE GEORGAKIS

Physical Education — Junior Sponsor, Assistant Football Coach.

CHESTER E. SANDERS

Social Studies, Driver Training — Senior Sponsor, Football Coach, E-Men's Club Sponsor, Dean of Boys.



CLASSES

THESE ARE THE STUDENTS WHO PASS THROUGH EDISON'S DOORS. THEY ADVANCE FROM HUMBLE FRESHMEN TO DIGNIFIED SENIORS, ENTERING QUIETLY ON INITIATION DAY AND LEAVING PROUDLY WITH A DIPLOMA IN HAND FOUR YEARS LATER.



CLASS OF '52

CARL EMILE THORNE — "Bud"

Twice president of the Class of '52
Bud has led in all we do.

Junior and Senior Class President, Student Council, Edisonian Business Manager, Band Vice-President, Brass Sextet, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Pep Band, Junior Class Play, Football, Varsity, F-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track, E-Men's Club.

DOLORES POMARANSKI — "Dolly"

Dolly's a senior who's jolly and grand;
She was the star in "Kay Beats the Band."

Senior Class Vice-President, Edisonian Business Manager, Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir President, Girls' Chorus Treasurer and President, Key Notes, State Solo and Ensemble Contest, Operetta, Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society Vice-President, Home Economics Club, Girls' Athletic Association, Booster Club, Senior Class Play.

RICHARD JONES — "Rick"

Seven years in our fine band;
Here's a drummer, who's really grand.

Senior Class Secretary, Edisonian Sports Editor, Band, Pep Band, Junior Class Play, Hi-Y Vice-President, E-Men's Club, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Senior Class Play.

CELIA ORTIZ — "Sally"

Sally's the girl who took care of our money;
As a class treasurer, she's really a honey.

Senior Class Treasurer, Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Edison Commercial Club, Booster Club.

BRUCE BAIRD — "Bird"

Bruce has added a lot to our fun
In his one year at Edison.

HELEN BAKER — "Lynn"

A pleasant temper and flashing eyes,
Lots of spirit in this girl lies.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Key Notes, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

DONALD BRIMMER — "Don"

Don was shy in the Junior Play,
But that was only for one day.

Junior Class Play, Hi-Y.

DAVID CAPRON — "Whitey"

Whitey in track, a very fast man;
No other can run as he can.

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football, B-Team, Baseball, Track.

CLASS OF '52

ANNA MAY CLARK — "Cluck"

Anna May is a humorous lass;
Without her, we'd have a very dead class.

Freshman Class Treasurer, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association, Booster Club, Senior Class Play.

ROBERTA ELLEN CLEMENS — "Bobbie"

Bertie with her hair of red
Many clever things has said.

Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus President, Key Notes, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club Treasurer, Booster Club.

ROBERT HENRY DAYBERRY — "Bob"

Bob's always willing to lend a hand;
His cooperation is really Grand.

Mixed Choir, Junior Class Play.

DONALD DEEL — "Don"

On the Steering Committee Don did well;
The work he's done is really swell.

B-Team, Track.

GRETA DUNCAN

Greta is swell and not at all shy;
We'll remember her as years go by.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir Vice-President, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club Vice-President.

PATSY JOAN EBERHARDT — "Pat"

As Eagle Feathers' Editor you see,
Pat has published our history.

Eagle Feathers Editor, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

NORMAN L. ELLIS

Norman is quiet and a little shy;
He's a friendly reliable guy.

Senior Class Play.

SHIRLEY ENNIS

Shirley has a smile for everyone;
We'll miss her when this year is done.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.





CLASS OF '52

EVERETT FORD — "Hank"

One of the quietest of our boys;
Everett never makes much noise.

ALYCE MAE FORNEY — "Odi Mae"

Alyce is a member of our band,
Who's always ready to lend a hand.

Band, Pep Band, Sunshine Society, Home Economics Club.

JAMES HODGE FRITTS — "Parson"

Jim in the Sweet Shop always works,
And we know he never shirks.

Sweet Shop, E-Men's Club, Football, Freshman Basketball Team, Track.

EDWIN FRONCZAK — "Ed"

Ed with his friends has a good time;
To great heights he's sure to climb.

Mixed Choir, Boys' Chorus, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track, Cross Country, E-Men's Club.

BARBARA GARNER — "Barb"

Barbara has made herself quite dear,
Though she's been with us just one year.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir, Band, Junior Class Play, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association, Senior Class Play.

GEORGIA LEONA GEORGE — "Lee"

Leona's a gal who's sweet and serene;
She's always happy and never mean.

Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club, Eagle Feathers Staff.

ANNA GRUSAK

Anna this year was Home Coming Queen;
One of the sweetest ever seen.

Freshman Class Secretary, Girls' Chorus, Key Notes, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Booster Club.

CHARLES V. HAAS — "Chuck"

Always ready to do his share;
This guy is without a care.

Band, Pep Band, Hi-Y.

CLASS OF '52

LOIS C. HABURJAK — "Odi Belle"

Does her work and makes no fuss.
Lois cooperates with us.

Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Home Economics Club, Booster Club, Principal's Office Assistant.

MICHAEL ROBERT HABURJAK — "Mike"

He'll have something important to say
On any subject any day.

Hi-Y Chaplain, Booster Club.

ROBERT JAROSCAK — "Bob"

They call him "Red," we all know why:
We won't forget him as time goes by.

Mixed Choir, Boys' Chorus, Hi-Y.

REGINA JONES — "Jeannie"

Regina's our Student Council girl;
Their business keeps her in a whirl.

Student Council Secretary-Treasurer, Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

RALPH E. KIETZMAN — "Woody"

Woody is a very happy lad;
When he's around, no one feels sad.

Hi-Y.

GENE KING — "Jesse"

Gene is a lad who's very tall;
He's a good player in basketball.

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track, Cross Country.

ARTHUR KUPKE — "Art"

We've all had fun here with Art;
We'll remember him when we're apart.

E-Men's Club, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track.

BEVERLY LEATHURBY — "Bev"

Our classmate, Bev, is gayest of all;
Her giggles can be heard all through the hall.

Cheerleader, Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association President, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.





CLASS OF '52

PHYLLIS MATTINGLY — "Phil"

Phyllis is a true pal as we all know;
Into nurse's training she's planning to go.

Junior Class Vice-President, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Key Notes, Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Library Assistant, Edisonian Staff.

JANET McBRIDE

A loyal member of our class,
A hard worker is this lass.

Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Booster Club, Math District Contest, Latin State Contest, Library Assistant, English Assistant.

ELEANORE LaVONNE MILLER — "Ele"

Eleanore is full of fun;
Her sense of humor is second to none.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Sunshine Society, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club.

THELMA MITCHELL

Just pick up the telephone and you will hear
Thelma's "number please" ringing in your ear.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club Vice-President.

DELORES ELEANOR MOLNAR — "Lorrie"

Lorrie's nature is gay and breezy,
Which goes to show her life is easy.

Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club.

ROLAND MOORE

An all star back on our football team,
Roland in sports is on the beam.

Sophomore Class President, Student Council, Football Co-Captain, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Baseball, E-Men's Club.

ROBERT O'CONNOR — "Bob"

Bobby is dark, handsome and tall;
His two loves are Betty and basketball.

Sophomore Class Vice-President, Student Council Vice-President, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Cross Country.

CAROLYN OLSZYNIAK — "Carole"

Carole's nature is quite sweet
Here's a gal who can't be beat.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

CLASS OF '52

DANIEL J. ORLICH — "DANNY"

Danny with his eyes of brown
In civics makes the teacher frown.

Band, Pep Band, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Track, E-Men's Club.

NANCY JANE O'ROURKE — "Gabby"

Nancy's laugh is gay as a breeze;
Here's a girl who'll always tease.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society Treasurer, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

IMOGENE OWENS — "Imo"

Imo is quiet and easy to please;
With her, one always feels at ease.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

PERRY PAPPAS — "Pierre"

At choir meetings Perry presides;
The hardest work he always guides.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, President, Boys' Chorus, Boys' Quartet, H.Y. E-Men's Club, Football, Track, Senior Class Play.

BARBARA ANN PROTT — "Barb"

On the bass clarinet Barb is a star;
We're sure this talent will take her far.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Band, Pep Band, Clarinet Quartet, State Solo and Ensemble Contest, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

BORIS RASTSCHUPKIN — "Boris Karloff"

Boris has learned a lot, it's true;
His years with us were only two.

Library Assistant.

RAY D. RICH — "Bud"

We won't forget as time goes by
That Ray is really a nice guy.

JOAN C. RIZZO — "Jo"

Our Jo with her big blue eyes
For accordion playing should get the prize.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club Vice-President, Girls Athletic Association Vice-President, Booster Club, Home Economics Club.



















CLASS OF '52

BONNIE MAE ROGERS

A pretty blonde with eyes of brown,
Who's sure to never let you down.

Eagle Feathers Art Editor, Student Council, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Key Notes, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club Secretary, Booster Club, Senior Class Play.

CONNIE RUSH

To publish a good yearbook is Connie's aim;
The following pages will bring her fame.

Freshman President, Edisonian Editor, Band President and Secretary, Pep Band, Clarinet Quartet, State Solo and Ensemble Contest, Mixed Choir, Key Notes, Math District Contest, Latin State Contest, Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Home Economics Club, Booster Club President, Senior Class Play.

ERIC SCHARF

A football player is Eric so tall;
His pleasant ways are known to all.

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club Vice-President, Football Co-Captain, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track.

JOYCE MAE SEMPER — "Jo"

We're sure to remember as the years go
That Joyce was very fine to know.

Junior Class Treasurer, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Booster Club.

BONNIE LOU SHAVER

She's Home Ec Club President, and so
Bonnie'll be a great housewife we know.

Sophomore Class Secretary, Eagle Feathers Staff, Mixed Choir Secretary, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club President, Booster Club.

EDWARD SHUDICK — "Eddie"

Student Council President, this lad,
One of the best we've ever had.

Freshman Class Treasurer, Student Council President, Eagle Feathers Sports Editor, Mixed Choir Treasurer, Boys' Chorus, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track, Cross Country, E-Men's Club, Booster Club, Senior Class Play.

DOLORES THERESA SMITH

Dolores gets her work all done
And still has lots of time for fun.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

BETTY JANE THOMPSON

Betty cheers for every team
Which helps to keep them on the beam.

Junior Class Secretary, Edisonian Associate Editor, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Key Notes, Cheerleader, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Home Economics Club, Student Council, Booster Club, Senior Class Play.

BETTY TRUETT

Betty in typing has lots of speed
In that class she takes the lead.

Eagle Feathers Associate Editor, Edisonian Staff, Junior Class Play, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club Treasurer, Home Economics Club, Booster Club.

ROSEMARY VENTURELLA — "Rosie"

Rosie's the happy type we know;
Her poetry proves that this is so.

Eagle Feathers Staff, Edisonian Staff, Mixed Choir, Girls' Chorus, Key Notes, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club President, Girls Athletic Association, Home Economics Club, Booster Club, Senior Class Play.



Steering Committee

Standing — William Metz, Donald Deel, Robert O'Connor.

Seated — Regina Jones, Bonnie Shaver, Bonnie Rogers.

HISTORY OF CLASS OF '52

On the morning of September 7, 1948, a group of timid freshmen entered Edison High School to begin four years of higher learning.

During their first meeting, the class chose Connie Rush as president; Robert O'Connor, vice-president; Anna Grusak, secretary; Robert Crisman, treasurer; Mrs. Burger and Mr. Sexton, sponsors. Their first class function was a dance held after the Chesterton game on November 19 — the second, a St. Patrick's Day dance. After surviving exams, the class was ready for the long awaited summer vacation.

Sponsors

Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Etienne, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Vorwald.



HISTORY OF CLASS OF '52 *(Continued)*

September 6, 1949, began a new year as the class dawned the title of sophomore. First on the agenda was the election of class officers and sponsors: president, Roland Moore; vice-president, Roland Gregory; secretary, Bonnie Shaver; treasurer, Edward Shudick; sponsors, Mrs. Etienne and Mr. Thom. Keeping up the social side of high school life, the sophomores held their first dance after the Wirt-Edison basketball game on November 16. On February 3, the class held double duty by sponsoring both a dance and a bake sale following the Portage-Edison basketball game. As the annals of the sophomore year were closed, the class was ready to function its junior year.

Returning on September 5, 1950, the class entered the role of upper classmen. Once again, the class chose capable class officers: Carl Thorne, president; Phyllis Mattingly, vice-president; Betty Thompson, secretary; Joyce Semper, treasurer; steering committee — Connie Rush, chairman; Richard Jones, Dolores Pomaranski, Rosemary Venturella, Beverly Leathurby, Edward Shudick, and Roland Moore. For the first year, the class had three sponsors: Mrs. Crisman, Mrs. Jana, and Mr. Alexander. On November 8, the members of the class proved that they had "What it takes" in the field of actors and actresses, as they presented the class play entitled "Kay Beats the Band," which was a great success. In the same month, on November 17, following the Chesterton basketball game, the juniors sponsored their first dance and bake sale of the year. Another of the many activities given by the Class of '52 was a "Skru-Ball" game, which drew a tremendous crowd and was really a spectacle to see, on March 16. The annual Pre-Prom Dance was held in the gymnasium on May 11; then, finally the enchanted evening of the Prom arrived on May 22 just before the close of the school year.

All too soon, it seemed the date, September 4, 1951, rolled into existence, and once again came the time for election of class officers: Carl Thorne was elected as class president for his second year; Dolores Pomaranski, vice-president; Richard Jones, secretary; and Celia Ortiz, treasurer. Bonnie Rogers, Donald Deel, Bonnie Shaver, Regina Jones, and Robert O'Connor served on the steering committee throughout the year. This year, the class had four sponsors: Mr. Vorwald, Mrs. Etienne, Mrs. Brown, and Mr. Sanders.

The seniors sponsored the first dance of the year on September 14, after the opening football game played in Edison's new stadium. At the beginning of the year, the two money-making projects were the sponsoring of the individual school pictures and the magazine campaign. Other money-making activities during the year were a second school dance, scrap and paper drives, bake sales, senior-faculty basketball game, and the most important of all — the senior class play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works," which was presented on March 28.

On May 8, the seniors were guests at the Junior-Senior Prom, which was held at Marquette Park Pavilion. Then, Sunday, May 11, arrived finally when the seniors embarked upon their long awaited trip to Washington, D. C., where they took a tour of the capital city, the Capitol Building, the White House, U. S. Congress, F. B. I., and Arlington Cemetery; they saw the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Pentagon Building, and various other buildings of the city. They toured the home of George Washington at Mount Vernon and saw many other historical places of interest. They arrived tired, but happy, in East Gary on Saturday, May 17.

Next, the seniors attended Baccalaureate Services in the school gymnasium on May 18, at which time Reverend Brady was the speaker of the evening. On May 22, the seniors marched down the aisle for the last time as students to the familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." Student speakers were Carl Thorne, class president; Janet McBride, valedictorian; Connie Rush, salutatorian, and Boris Rastschupkin, third ranking member of the class. Following the presentation of diplomas to the seniors and the awards of merit to Janet McBride, valedictorian; Connie Rush, salutatorian; David Capron, athletics; Connie Rush and Edward Shudick, activities; Bonnie Shaver and Norman Ellis, American Legion; Dolores Pomaranski and Perry Pappas, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the members of the Class of '52 marched down the aisle as alumni of Edison High School to the final strains of the "Victory March."



Top row — Janet McBride, valedictorian; Connie Rush, salutatorian and activities award; Boris Rastschupkin, third ranking member of the class and commencement speaker; Edward Shudick, activities award; David Capron, athletic award.

Bottom row — Perry Pappas and Dolores Pomaranski, American Legion award; Norman Ellis and Bonnie Shaver, Veterans of Foreign Wars award; Carl Thorne, class president and commencement speaker.





Officers

Dolores Rearick, treasurer; Lois Cotter, secretary; Cynthia Morrison, president, Suzanne Anderson, vice-president.

Class of '53

As shown in the class officers' picture, the members of the Class of '53 chose feminine leadership for their class during their junior year. What is known as the "weaker sex" proved to be the stronger in this case for getting the necessary work of the class done during a very busy year. Barbara Smith and Robert Vizena were chosen as Student Council representatives.

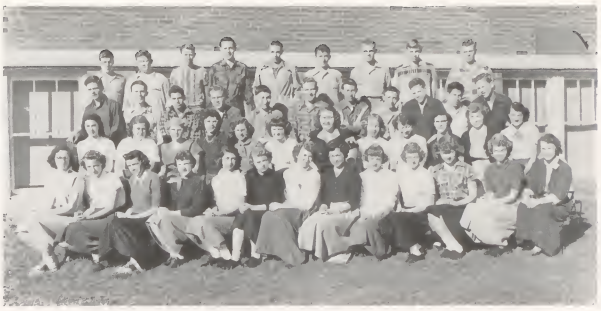
Their first activity as upper classmen was their class play entitled "My Heart's in High," which was presented very successfully on November 1 and was one of the best plays to be given in Edison High School.

Their first dance was held on November 2 after the Merrillville football game. On December 7, at eleven o'clock, the juniors received their precious class rings, and just being able to wear those rings the next week was the source of each junior's pride.



Sponsors

Mr. Georgakis
Miss Hartley
Mrs. Crisman
Mr. Gaza



Top row—Roy Claussen, Dale Hodges, Thomas Szwaykowski, Paul Henry, Oral Peek, Gary Ganz, Roger Bottila, Bruce Swift, Robert Shoemaker.

Third row—Raymond Maza, Carl Zubeck, Leonard Garavalia, Nicholas Kolosci, Blaze Kozak, Donald Kuzma, Marty Faitak, Ernest Schulze, Richard Vizena, George Moy, Robert Vizena.

Second row—Eileen Wilds, Marjorie Mize, Patricia Munro, Donna Bogdon, Lois Heck, Bertha Duke, Yvonne Petruzelli, Mary Scheuer, Betty Scott, Merle McDonald, Nancy Quinlan, Florence Smith.

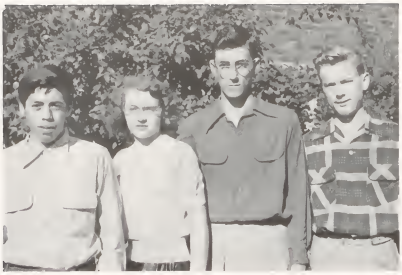
Front row—Dolores Rearick, Mary Ann Tucker, Loretta Schavey, Ruth Burchardt, Geraldine Demo, Beverly Bottila, Joan Watts, Mary Ann Torrez, Carol Watts, Jean St. Myers, Sherry Niehaus, Carolyn Salen, Barbara Smith.

CLASS OF '53

During the year, other fund-raising activities included a bake sale, paper drives, and the annual Pre-Prom Dance held on April 25. The juniors worked quite enthusiastically to have a balance in their class treasury to help finance their trip which they plan to take the latter part of their senior year. Also they partially selected their yearbook staff which began making plans for their 1953 Edisonian.

The highlight of the year for the Class of '53 was the Junior-Senior Prom, which was given at Marquette Park Pavilion on the night of May 8. The prom, as in former years, was considered a wonderful success by all who attended. "Twilight Time" was the theme of the Prom, and the music was furnished by Mickey Isley and his orchestra.

As the year drew to a close, having, thus, ended a successful year, the members of the Class of '53 advanced to that long-awaited time — their senior year. Just as all senior classes plan, the Class of '53 has already started making plans to be one of the best classes to graduate from Edison High School.



Officers

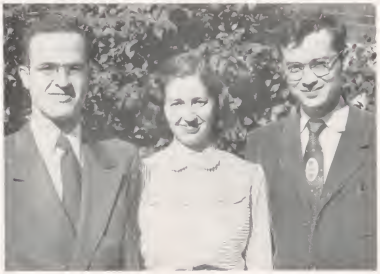
Felix Ortiz, president; Norma Patterson, secretary; Ronald Kersey, vice-president; James Meister, treasurer.

Class of '54

Having successfully completed one year at Edison, the members of the Class of '54 were anxious to start their second as sophomores. As they were the largest class in the school, they contributed many athletes and club members to Edison's extra-curricular pattern.

At their first meeting of the year they elected very capable officers in a businesslike way; and having learned during their freshman year the importance of the Student Council, they chose Joyce Minor and Arnold Stegall as their representatives on this governing body.

As each class has the privilege of sponsoring school dances each year, the sophomores held their dance on March 21. After spending two happy years as Edison's under classmen, the sophomores were ready to advance again and look forward to the year of class rings, proms, and plays — their junior year.



Sponsors

Mr. Owen
Miss Greger
Mr. Snedeker



Top row—Keith Brimmer, Willard Vickery, Dennis Good, William Funkhouser, Steven Smith, Edwin Hummel, Joseph Ginter, Ronald Good, Jack Hoyt, Kent Hardebeck, Jan Rappatta, Robert Thews, Carl Sanders.

Second row—Marilyn Kersey, Gloria Conde, Mary Jackson, Joyce Ann Needham, Isabel Dayberry, Jeanette Shappell, Joyce Minor, Paula Gledich, Betty Jakich, Carolyn Zack, Marilyn Homolla, Joyce Adams, Claudette Cruikshank, Rita Halaschak.

Front row—Nancee Martin, Beverly Geiselman, Patricia Taylor, Barbara Havrilesko, Verna Faltak, Rosemary Kovacic, Lorraine Dreyovich, Susanna Armenth, Ruth Prokop, Kay Robertson, Beverley Hoskins, Phyllis Kludt, Jacqueline Zellers, Shirley Lovin.

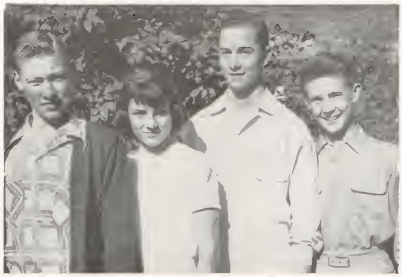
CLASS OF '54

Top row—Mary Rich, Marie Hernandez, Irene Pedroza, Trinidad Lopez, Mary Eyrich, Joyce Brown, Marilynn McEwan, Kendra Zinkovich, Kathleen Szostek, Leona Zieba, Donna Berg, Helen Burnham, Joan Newman.

Second row—Fred Cochran, Andrew Grusak, Roy Taylor, Mitchell Najar, Richard Hamady, James Kovakas, Joseph Feistling, Daniel Jaroscak, Frank Carrigan, Richard Tuthill, Ray Bolha, Donald Burton, Edward Houck, Jack Kenney.

Front row—Emanuele Venturella, Floyd Daughtrey, Edward Chambliss, Zachary Zack, Carter Jackson, Richard Uhlir, John Motto, John DeVaney, Edwin Woodard, Arnold Stegall, Ray Taylor, Warren Ellis, Everette White.





Officers

Robert Fiebelkorn, secretary; Ann Marfie Halaschak, vice-president; George Greer, president; Carl Jablonski, treasurer.

Class of '55

The long awaited day, September 5, finally arrived for the freshmen as they embarked on the four-year journey known as high school. Being an especially alert group, they had little trouble in getting their books and lockers and adjusted themselves quickly in their classrooms.

At the beginning of the year, they chose a very invigorating group of officers to lead them in their first high school activities. Barbara Ramusack and Donald McBride were selected to represent the youngest members on the Student Council.

Their first activity was a dance given on January 4 for freshmen only for the purpose of the members of the class to become better acquainted. The second dance was a barn dance, the first of its kind to be given at Edison, on April 19.

Having, thus, completed a fine first year in high school, the members of the Class of '55 looked back upon pleasant memories and forward to becoming sophomores.



Sponsors

Mr. Szabo
Miss Grabill
Mrs. Pruitt
Mr. Owen



Top row—Kenneth Skeen, Jack Scheuer, Joseph Scheuer, Gary King, Robert Taylor, Richard Hertaus, Richard Bloomquist, Jerome Barnes, William Strong, Ivan Glancy, Raymond Marks.

Second row—Gerald Wiles, Charles Torrez, Donald Shomaker, Fred Urbanek, Lester Loden, John Przybysz, James Scheuer, DeWayne Ferris, John Jakich.

Front row—Marie Lopez, Ann Naylor, Dorothea Mize, Nancy Bogdon, Ursula Norvil, Delores Todd, Betty Mize, Janice Morrison.

CLASS OF '55

Top row—Paul Kurtos, Thomas Murphy, Joseph Chester, Guy Everett, James Warren, Frank Aloia, Henry Hammond, Dallas Lehmann, Donald McBride, Wayne Wesley, Bruce Bailey, Robert Mayka.

Third row—Alex Zinkovich, Carolyn Thompson, Loretta Gray, Sharon Jarabek, Beverly Berg, Raedeane Hickman, Helen Coulter, Peggy Barker, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Arlene Kupke, Phyllis Etherton, Wayne Hagan.

Second row—Nellie Bright, Marylan Thompson, Joanna Jendrzejewski, Barbara Zajac, Gloria Castro, Elizabeth Rich, Laura Jannette Jackson, Barbara Ramusack, Louise Kurtos, Shirley Hoover.

Front row—Olivia Parker, Joan Broadway, Josephine Kushneruk, Sally Summers, Antoinette Choka, Phyllis Bumbera, Barbara Schaefer, Carol Broadway, Bonita Ferris, Virginia Cherry, Carol Thorgren.



Class Poem

As freshmen we were so very pleased
At last in Edison High to be,
But we were so ill at ease
When a senior we chanced to see.

As sophomores, no longer green,
In our classes we'd sit and dream
Not of knights in armor green
But the captain of our team.

Then as juniors we awoke one morn
"Two high school years are gone," we sigh —
We planned with pride our annual Prom
As the close of school drew nigh.

How thrilled we were to be a senior
Our last and most important year;
As we travel life's path in the future,
Our Edison days we'll hold most dear.



STUDY

WITHIN EDISON'S WALLS ARE MANY ROOMS DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT EACH STUDENT SHOULD BE EDUCATED. IN THE HOME ECONOMICS ROOM, THE SHOP, THE SCIENCE LABORATORY, THE STUDY HALL, AND THE MANY OTHER CLASSROOMS, THE STUDENTS ARE PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE.



Top row—English: Mrs. Crisman and Mrs. Etienne
Third row—English: Mr. Owen; Latin: Mrs. Crisman
Second row—Mathematics: Mr. Vorwald and Mr. Gaza
Bottom row—Science: Mr. Vorwald and Mrs. Etienne



Top row—Social Studies: Mr. Gaza and Mr. Sanders
Third row—Social Studies: Mr. Owen; Driver Training: Mr. Sanders and Mr. Owen
Second row—Business Education: Miss Hartley and Mrs. Brady
Bottom row—Shop: Mr. Szabo; Home Economics: Miss Greger








At the beginning of the day, the home room period is supervised by various teachers, the band is directed by Mr. Snedeker, and choral groups are directed by Miss Grabill. Pictures of the band and choral groups are included in the Activity Section of this book.

At the close of the school day is a seventh hour class for those who have committed misdemeanors of various types. This period is not pictured due to the fact that the staff did not want to embarrass any students who might happen to fall into this group for a picture in print.

Top row—Physical Education: Mrs. Pruitt and Mr. Georgakis
Third row—Library: Mrs. Brown; Study Hall
Second row—Intermission; Convocation
Bottom row—Self-explanatory



ATHLETICS

A MAJOR PART OF EDISON'S EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAM IS BASED UPON ATHLETICS. FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM TO SPECTATORS, WE LEARN THAT "WHEN THE GREAT SCORER COMES TO WRITE AGAINST YOUR NAME, IT ISN'T WHETHER YOU WON OR LOST BUT HOW YOU PLAYED THE GAME."



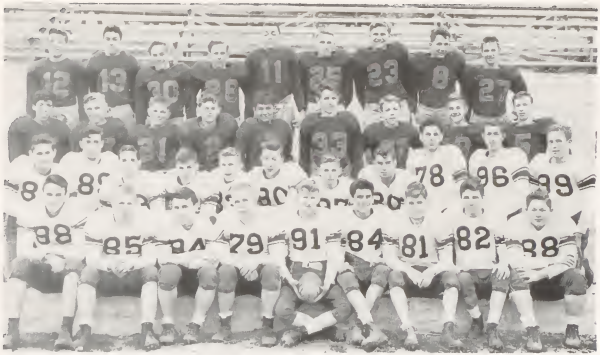
New Stadium

We, the students of Edison, are very fortunate to live in a community in which the people are interested in the welfare of the school. When it was decided that Edison needed an athletic field of her own, the school board and administrators undertook the task of providing the field. Being limited in finances, the board was unable to provide seating facilities. This project was undertaken by the Lion's Club and was accomplished by a well-planned drive complete with a parade, publicity, and bonfire. The drive culminated in a house-to-house canvas in which members of the Lion's Club with the assistance of other interested people contacted every merchant and citizen in East Gary. Generous contributions were received without which it would have been impossible to build the type of field that was needed. The total contributions amounted to $6,039.70.

Although these contributions helped immensely, the work was far from finished. Lions Club members, school administrators, and civic volunteers donated their services in planting grass seed, building fence, pouring cement for the concrete bleachers to seat 660 people, building the public address house, setting up one of the best public address systems in this area, and doing many other jobs that are seldom thought of while the spectators are watching a ball game. Wooden bleachers with a seating capacity of 650 people were purchased. Enough re-enforcing steel and forming material are on hand to build bleachers for another 750 people. If the remaining bleachers can be built on the same basis next year, there should be well over $1,000 left in the fund for further development of the stadium.

On September 14, the efforts of all were well rewarded as the Edison-Hobart football game was the first occasion for the use of our new field. This game was attended by an overflow crowd.

We, the students of Edison, wish to thank again the East Gary School Board, school administrators, Lion's Club, merchants, and citizens who contributed funds and services so generously in building our new stadium. We realize that without their help such a stadium would have been impossible.



Top row—Joseph Chester, Thomas Murphy, Joseph Scheuer, Jack Scheuer, Donald McBride, Robert Mayka, Nick Kolosci, William O'Kelly, Carter Jackson.

Third row—Felix Ortiz, Paul Kurtos, Kent Hardebeck, William Strong, John Jakich, Guy Everett, Frank Aloia, William Funkhouser, James Scheuer.

Second row—Daniel Orlich, Perry Pappas, James Fritts, Roy Claussen, Edwin Woodard, Eric Scharf, Bruce Swift, Ronald Park, Richard Jones, Marty Faltak, Donald Kuzma.

Front row—Edward Houck, Roy Taylor, Roland Moore, Ray Taylor, David Capron, Leonard Garavalia, Dennis Anderson, Mitchell Najar, Dale Hodges.

Football

The first game of the season with Merrillville on September 7, was a thrilling game from the moment of the kickoff. During the game, Merrillville failed to cross the goal line as Edison did with a spectacular run by David Capron for fifty-five yards and a touchdown; however, the run was useless as the touchdown was brought back because Edison was off side. Another run by Capron for thirty yards was called back because of holding by Edison, and Roy Claussen intercepted a pass and ran for nineteen yards during the game. William Metz drove the Pirates crazy with his wonderful defense work, and Roland Moore did some excellent punting and passing. The game ended with the final score 0-0.

For the opening game in Edison's new stadium, the Eagles lost a thrilling skirmish to the Brickies of Hobart by a score of 21-13 on September 14. Hobart broke the ice with a touchdown by Cope; however, the Eagles scored in the second quarter and made the extra point, tying the score 7-7. On the kickoff, Cope of Hobart received the ball and made a beautiful run for an eighty-five yard run

Assistant Coach Georgakis, Coach Sanders, Assistant Coach Gaza.





FOOTBALL *(Continued)*

and a touchdown and Edison was forced to punt. Marconi of Hobart received the ball and went over for another touchdown. Edison, never giving up, came back as Moore took the ball and went over for a touchdown. Fritts tried for the extra point but failed. The final score was 21-13.

The Troopers of Wirt tangled back and forth with the Eagles for a hard fought game in Edison's stadium on September 21. Neither team scored the entire game. During the game, a casualty occurred when Carl Thorne received a broken arm, which resulted in the loss of a senior player. The final score was 0-0.

The Eagles journeyed to Dyer to make a good beginning by making the first two touchdowns. The first quarter, David Capron ran for twenty-five yards for a touchdown, and in the second quarter he made another beautiful run of twenty-five yards for a second touchdown. The extra point failed both times. The Dyer team came right back and made a touchdown but failed on the extra point, making the score 12-6. Neither team scored during the third quarter; however, the Dyer team broke the ice in the fourth quarter with another score but missed the extra point to end another hard fought game with a tie of 12-12.

On the dismal night of October 6, the Eagles encountered Fort Wayne in the rain on Edison's field covered with water. Neither team scored in the first quarter. Ace Chandler dashed through the rain and water for a touchdown and the extra point in the second

FOOTBALL *(Continued)*

quarter, although the Eagles fought back with Moore throwing a pass to Capron for thirty yards and a touchdown. The extra point failed, and the half ended with a score of 7-6. Fort Wayne scored two touchdowns in the third quarter and one in the fourth quarter, making the score 33-6.

The fourth game in the new stadium changed the score for Edison in a thrilling battle with Portage on October 12. The Indians drew first blood with Parker's score, but the Eagles fought back with Moore going over the goal line and Garavalia making the extra point. The second quarter, David Capron ran twenty-five yards for a touchdown and the extra point, but the Indians went on the war path with another touchdown, making the score 12-14. Having about thirty seconds to play in the game, the Indians had the ball with only a yard to go for a touchdown and snapped it, which was followed by a big pile up. The referees pulled the players from each other and gave the signal that the Indians did not make the yardage, which showed that Edison's line had held. The extra credit should be given to such players as William Metz, Daniel Orlich, Dale Hodges, Eric Scharf, Edward Houck, and James Fritts. The final score was 14-12 in Edison's favor.

On October 19, the Eagles encountered the Blazers of Edison of Gary in a thrilling and well-played game on the Tolleston field. At the very first of the game, Moore carried the ball almost in the clear when he was hit very hard and fumbled — the Blazers recovered the ball, went down the field and over the goal line, and made the extra point. In return Moore carried the ball and went over for a score and the extra point was good, making the score 7-7 at the half. In the third quarter Moore threw a pass to Fritts which was good for a touchdown and Capron carried for the extra point, making the score for the Eagles 14-7; but the Blazers tallied right back with a touchdown and the extra point with the score 14-14. The Blazers did not waste any time in the fourth quarter to make the score 21-14. With less than two minutes to play, Moore called a screen pass to Capron who caught the pigskin and ran sixty yards for a touchdown. Daniel Orlich, Perry Pappas, and Eric Scharf did some fine blocking on the play. Moore carried for the extra point, making the final score 21-21 and another tie.

During the first half of the game on Lowell's field on October 24, the game was "nip and tuck" as neither team scored. In the second half the Eagles put on a big drive which started at their own twenty-eight yard line. With good driving by Moore, Capron, and Fritts and good blocking and interference by the whole line, the Eagles were able to score with Moore making the score. During the long drive, Moore threw a pass which was good to Scharf, end, for sixty yards, which was a big help in the drive. The Eagles held the Red Devils scoreless, making the final score 6-0.

On November 2, the Eagles challenged the Pirates in Edison's stadium for a rough game. The Pirates passed for a touchdown about ten seconds before the half. In the second half Merrillville fumbled, so Metz recovered for the Eagles and Capron went over for the touchdown. The Pirates scored through the air again for another touchdown and ended the game with a final score of 14-6 in their favor.









FOOTBALL *(Continued)*

As the Crown Point game on November 7 was canceled because of a severe snow storm, Edison's football season ended with two victories, three defeats, and four ties. Coach Sanders and Mr. Georgakis, assistant coach, should be commended for the fine coaching they gave the football players as well as the members of the squad for their fine playing and sportsmanship. Mr. Gaza, assistant coach, had charge of the second team.

The honorary co-captains selected by the team were Roland Moore and Eric Scharf. Roland Moore was chosen on the All-Conference Team, David Capron placed on the second team, and Edward Houck, Eric Scharf, and Donald Kuzma received honorable mention.

FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

Roland Moore, co-captain; Eric Scharf, co-captain; David Capron.





FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

Top row—William Metz, Daniel Orlich, Richard Jones.
Middle row—Perry Pappas, James Fritts, Ronald Park.
Bottom row—Roy Claussen, Marty Faitak, Dale Hodges.



FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

Top row—Donald Kuzma, Leonard Garavalia, Dennis Anderson.
Middle row—Mitchell Najar, Bruce Swift, Edwin Woodard.
Bottom row—Edward Houck, Ray Taylor, Roy Taylor.



Top row—Coach Owen, Perry Pappas, Edward Shudick, Gene King, Carl Thorne, Edwin Fronczak, Robert O'Connor, Blaze Kozak, Roy Taylor.

Front row—Dennis Anderson, Ronald Park, Roger Bottila, Donald Kuzma, Roy Claussen.

Varsity

The Eagles opened their hardwood season under a new coach, Mr. Jack Owen. On the night of November 27, the Eagles traveled to Calumet Township High School for their opening game of the basketball season. Having a bad night at hitting the basket, they lost their first game with a score of 28-48.

Continuing through the first seven games of the season and the Holiday Tourney, the Eagles did not seem to be able to make the necessary points to defeat their opponents, but all the while they never lacked the fighting spirit.

Going into their Calumet Conference game with Lowell on January 22, neither team had won a game. Edison proved to be the winner and gave the Red Devils a 54-37 licking. The Eagles started with a bang, with Edward Shudick hitting eight of the ten points in a few seconds. The Eagles moved into a 14-8 lead by the quarter and led 26-16 at halftime.

Coach Owen





VARSITY *(Continued)*

The score was 39-25 in favor of Edison at the end of the third quarter. The final score of 54-39 was still in favor of Edison at the end of the fourth quarter; thus, the Eagles came home free. Edward Shudick was high point man for the Eagles with 19 points, while Edwin Fronczak and Carl Thorne were next with 13 and 7 points respectively.

On January 25, the Brickies of Hobart invaded the Eagles on their home floor and won the game only in an overtime period by a score of 35-31 — the game proved to be unusually thrilling from the beginning to the end. Edward Shudick was high point man for Edison with 11 points. Gene King and Robert O'Connor hit 6 and 5 points respectively.

The Eagles played their next game away from home and were defeated by the Pirates of Merrillville 61-41. High point men for Edison were Carl Thorne with 13 points and Gene King with 10 points.

The Eagles scored one of the prime upsets of the year and trounced the Indians of Portage 69-45 on Edison's home court on February 1. The gym was packed. Both teams as well as the crowd were tense, as Portage was fighting for leadership of the Calumet Conference. The Eagles zipped the nets for an almost astounding .422 percentage as they made 27 field goals on 64 shots. They took a 17-6 lead at the first quarter and led 30-18 by halftime. During the third period, they poured through 21 points and finished off with 18 points in the last quarter. Edward Shudick and Edwin Fronczak led the Eagles to victory with 22 and 18 points respectively. Gene King controlled the backboards both offensively and defensively and collected 9 points, while Robert O'Connor and Carl Thorne collected 10 and 6 points respectively.

On February 8, Crown Point defeated East Gary by a score of 45-40. The Eagles suffered the loss of one of their players, Carl Thorne, a senior. Carl was unable to play during the game and the remainder of the season on account of his arm which was broken during the football season.

Having hit their stride during the latter part of the season, the Eagles went to Wheeler to defeat the Bearcats with a score of 48-45 on February 15. Dennis Anderson was high



VARSITY *(Continued)*

scorer for the Eagles with 15 points, while Gene King hit five buckets or 10 points. With the score reading 27-26 at halftime, the Eagles gained two points in the third quarter and stayed even in the last quarter for the victory of 48-45.

February 22, the Trojans of Chesterton routed the Eagles 67-39 for the last scheduled game of the basketball season before the tournament. The final count might have been quite different if four of Edison's first five players had not left the floor because of personal fouls. Gene King was high point man for Edison with 14 points.

In the Sectional Tourney on February 28, the Blue Raiders of Tolleston defeated the Eagles by a slim one-point margin. As the Eagles had a record of three wins in fifteen games, they proved to be quite a surprise for the Blue Raiders of Tolleston, as the Raiders were trailing after the first quarter throughout the game until the final seconds of play.



VARSITY *(Continued)*

Tolleston held a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter but fell behind following the opening of the second quarter and remained behind 28-20 at halftime. It was still 36-29 in favor of the Eagles at the end of the third quarter. The Eagles were still on the top end of the score during the fourth quarter, but only in the final seconds remaining of the last quarter did the Raiders rally on Kochea's shot to win the game by only one point with the final score of 40-39. Edwin Fronczak was high point man for the Eagles with 13 points. The Edison-Tolleston game will be remembered as the best game of the season for the Eagles. Edison came very close to being the Sectional Champs in Gary which was finally won by the Blue Raiders of Tolleston. The Eagles who played in the game were Edwin Fronczak, Edward Shudick, Gene King, Roy Claussen, Robert O'Connor, and Dennis Anderson. The team should be praised highly for its showing in the Sectional Tournament in Gary. Thus ended the 1951-52 basketball season for Edison.

The seniors, who are leaving the team, are Edwin Fronczak, Edward Shudick, Gene King, Robert O'Connor, Arthur Kupke; thus, five juniors remain on the team for next year.

Gene King and Robert O'Connor were elected honorary co-captains.

Season's Record

	Edison	*Opponent*
Calumet Township	28	48
Merrillville	41	65
Roosevelt — Gary	50	72
Dyer	49	63
Wirt	39	51
Holiday Tourney		
Griffith	43	60
Edison — Gary	29	43
Griffith	41	70
Lowell	54	37
Hobart	31	35
Merrillville	41	61
Portage	69	45
Crown Point	40	45
Wheeler	48	45
Chesterton	39	67
Sectional Tourney		
Tolleston	39	40

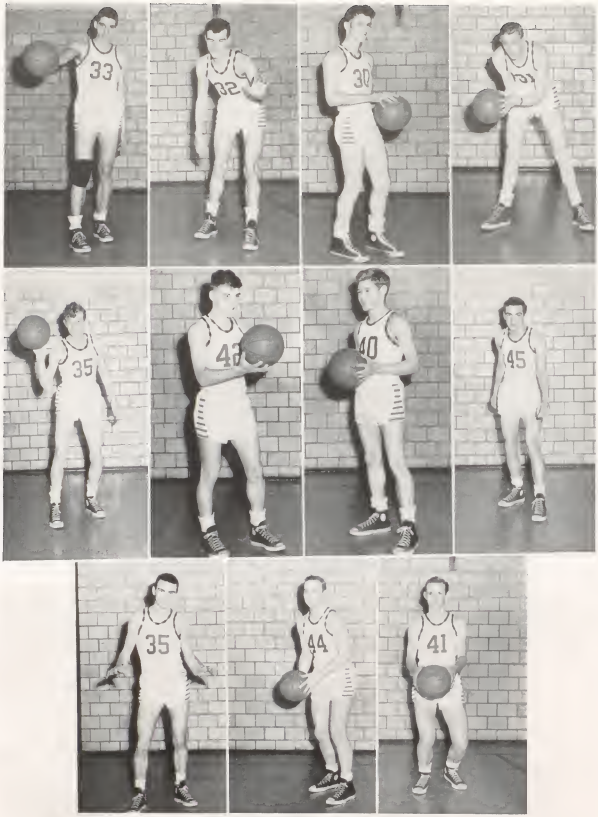


VARSITY *(Continued)*

The Varsity was handicapped by the loss of one of its best and experienced senior players during part of the season due to the fact that Carl Thorne had the misfortune of having his arm broken in the football game with Hobart during the opening game in Edison's new stadium on September 14. Carl was unable to play during the first part and, also, the latter part of the basketball season because of his broken arm.

The Booster Club is to be commended for its fine school spirit and its faithful support of the team by attending both the home games and away-from-home games and cheering for the team throughout the entire basketball season.

Although the 1951-52 basketball season seemed to be somewhat of an "off-year" for the Varsity, the members of the team are to be commended for their fine spirit and sportsmanship throughout the season.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Top row—Gene King, co-captain; Robert O'Connor, co-captain; Edward Shudick, Edwin Fronczak.
Middle row—Carl Thorne, Roy Claussen, Dennis Anderson, Ronald Park.
Bottom row—Arthur Kupke, Donald Kuzma, Roger Bottila.



Beverly Leathurby, Barbara Smith, Carl Jablonski, Betty Jakich, Betty Thompson.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

B TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Ann Marie Halaschak, Virginia Cherry, Phyllis Bumbera, Carol Thorgren.





Top row—Roy Taylor, Carl Sanders, Andrew Grusak, Edward Houck, Robert Thews, Blaze Kozak, Robert Mayka, James Mills, Coach Owen.

Front row—Ronald Smith, Carter Jackson, Felix Ortiz, Robert Eddy, Paul Brock, Warren Ellis, James Meister.

B TEAM

Under its new coach, Coach Owen, this year, the B Team won five and lost nine games during the basketball season. During the season, the team improved in the handing of the ball and has some very promising players for the Varsity next year.

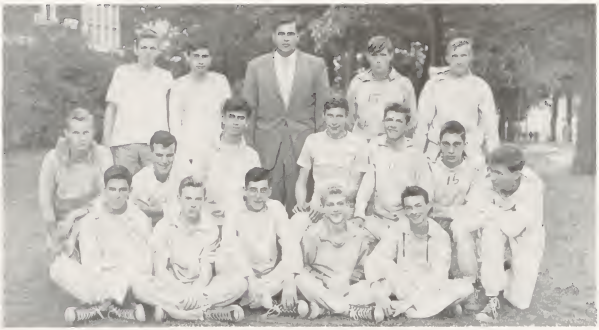


Top row—Richard Hertaus, Lester Loden, Donald Shoemaker, Joseph Scheuer, Thomas Murphy, Bruce Bailey, James Warren, Joseph Chester, Jack Scheuer, Fred Urbanek, Alex Zinkovich, Coach Gaza.

Front row—James Scheuer, Charles Torrez, Frank Aloia, John Przybysz, Donald McBride, Paul Kurtos, Wayne Wesley, Robert Fiebelkorn.

FRESHMAN TEAM

Each basketball team had a new coach this year — the Freshman Team being coached by Coach Gaza. The Freshman Team completed the season with a record of three victories and six defeats. The two closest games of the season were played with Calumet Township and Crown Point which were a seesaw affair throughout the game, although the Eagles lost both of the games. The players are willing to learn and work and should become a winning B Team next year.



Top row—Steven Smith, Richard Hamady, Coach Owen, Robert Conners, Edwin Fronczak.
Second row—Roger Bottila, Robert O'Connor, James Kovakas, Andrew Grusak, Wayne Wesley, Gene King, Charles Wilkins.
Front row—Zachary Zack, James Meister, Ronald Kersey, Edward Chambliss, Warren Ellis.

CROSS COUNTRY

TRACK

Top row—Arthur Kupke, Andrew Grusak, Carter Jackson, Joseph Chester, Wayne Wesley, Donald McBride, Edwin Fronczak, Coach Vorwald.
Front row—Felix Ortiz, Ray Taylor, Edward Houck, Warren Ellis, Dennis Anderson, Ronald Park, Roger Bottila, David Capron.





David Capron



Dennis Anderson

Track

The Eagles under the coaching of Mr. Vorwald, who was the new track coach this year entered the Calumet Track Meet — their first meet of the season — at the Chicago indoor field house on March 20. The teams participating in the meet were: Hobart, Crown Point, Portage, Griffith, Lowell, and Edison.

Edison won the track meet at Wirt on April Fool's Day. On April 3, Edison ranked second at the 3-Way Meet at Hobart — the schools participating were Edison, Lowell, and Hobart. The Eagles bowed to a 81-63 defeat handed them by Griffith on April 9. Edison placed second again, this time, in a 4-Way Meet at Edison of Gary on April 15. The schools competing were Portage, Edison of East Gary, Wirt, and Edison of Gary, and each placed in that order. Once again, Edison placed second in a 3-Way-Meet at Chesterton on April 24 — the schools who competed in the meet were Edison, Knox, and Chesterton.

At the Calumet Conference Meet in which eight schools participated at Hobart on May 1, Edison placed fourth. Edison won the track meet at Hebron on May 6 and won eleven first places in the meet.

David Capron and Dennis Anderson entered the Sectional Track Meet at Gary on May 10. Dennis Anderson placed second in the half-mile run, which entitled him to enter the Regional Track Meet at Mishawaka on May 17. This was the first time in the history of Edison to enter the regionals. Coach Vorwald and the track team are to be commended for their advancement in track this year.

The requirement for a major letter in track is a total of twenty points to be accumulated during one season. David Capron, Perry Pappas, Dennis Anderson, Ronald Park, Warren Ellis, Edward Houck, and Felix Ortiz earned a major letter in track this spring.



Top row—Ray Taylor, Daniel Orlich, Robert O'Connor, Carl Thorne, Edward Shudick, Arthur Kupke.

Third row—Richard Jones, Roland Moore, Gene King, Edward Houck, Edwin Fronczak.

Second row—James Fritts, Donald Kuzma, Marty Faitak, Roy Claussen, Perry Pappas, Leonard Garavalia.

Front row—Bruce Swift, Dennis Anderson, Ronald Park, Roger Bottila, David Capron, Mitchell Najar.

E-Men's Club

The E-Men's Club is an honorary organization. Each member belonging to the club must have won a letter in one of the four major sports. Freshmen and sophomore boys usually work hard at sports in order to obtain a position in the club.

The event to which the seniors of the club look forward each year is the annual banquet sponsored by the Lion's Club at Teibel's Restaurant.

Officers and Sponsor

Mr. Sanders, sponsor; Dale Hodges, secretary-treasurer; Eric Scharf, president; Mr. Owen, sponsor.



Display for Homecoming Dance received first place.





ORGANIZATIONS

BELONGING TO A NUMBER OF EDISON'S VARIOUS CLUBS HELPS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE AS WELL AS PROVIDE RECREATION, AS THEY CONDUCT OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS, WORK ON THE PROJECTS OF THE YEAR AND LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY.



Standing—Robert Vizena, Barbara Smith, Joyce Minor, Barbara Ramusack, Donald McBride, Eric Scharf, Perry Pappas, Connie Rush, Greta Duncan, Rosemary Venturella, Sylvia Van Cleef, Bonnie Shaver.

Seated—Roland Moore, Edward Shudick, president; Mr. Vorwald, sponsor; Regina Jones, secretary-treasurer; Arnold Stegall, vice-president.

STUDENT COUNCIL

As the Student Council should grow as the school grows, a new constitution was drawn up this year. In addition to the president and two representatives from each class, the presidents of all of Edison's organizations were added to the Council.

Edward Shudick, Bonnie Rogers, Anna Grusak — queen, Beverly Leathurby.



Our Student Council's purpose is to recommend to the administration improvements in school functions. These functions include athletic events, dances, convocations, and fund raising activities. They, also, may recommend improvements in the halls, restrooms, classrooms, locker neatness, lunch hour programs, and school decorations. It is this organization's aim to make our school a better place in which to live.

The major activity of the Student Council was sponsoring the second annual Homecoming Dance held on October 12 after the Portage football game. The student body chose Anna Grusak for queen after the football team nominated five candidates. The displays, decorations, and parade helped make this dance an even bigger success than before.

Other activities during the year included decorating the halls at Christmas and helping to organize the newly formed Booster Club. The last undertaking was the supervision of the election of next year's president.



Top row—Celia Ortiz, Carolyn Olszyniak, Joan Rizzo, Rosemary Venturella, Anna May Clark, Bonnie Shaver, Barbara Prott, Helen Baker, Patsy Eberhardt, Betty Truett, Beverly Leathurby, Delores Molnar, Greta Duncan.

Third row—Nancy O'Rourke, Betty Thompson, Connie Rush, Shirley Ennis, Regina Jones, Alyce Forney, Phyllis Mattingly, Lois Cotter, Jean St. Myers, Sherry Niehaus, Dolores Rerick, Imogene Owens, Thelma Mitchell.

Second row—Anna Grusak, Marjorie Mize, Mary Scheuer, Yvonne Petruzelli, Lois Heck, Bertha Duke, Nancy Quinlan, Mary Ann Tucker, Carolyn Salen, Barbara Smith, Florence Smith, Cynthia Morrison, Janet McBride.

Front row—Roberta Clemens, Bonnie Rogers, Merle McDonald, Betty Scott, Carol Watts, Mary Ann Torrez, Beverly Bottila, Joan Watts, Donna Bogdon, Patricia Munro, Ruth Burchardt, Lois Haburjak, Leona George.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY

This year, as in others, the aim of the girls has been to spread sunshine and cheer to the sick and needy and to everyone around them during the Christmas Season as well as throughout the year. Edison was represented at the district and state conventions as usual. The biggest event of the year was the annual Sweetheart Dance at which Suzanne Anderson reigned as queen on February 15. The girls had the privilege of hearing a number of speakers on timely subjects of interest to them. Not to be forgotten was its annual contribution to the Riley Fund and collection of donations for the Heart Foundation.



Suzanne Anderson—Sweetheart Queen
Mary Ann Torrez, Sylvia Van Cleef, Suzanne Anderson, Bonnie Rogers, Celia Ortiz.

Officers and Sponsor

Sylvia Van Cleef, president; Dolores Pomaranski, vice-president; Mrs. Etienne, sponsor; Suzanne Anderson, secretary; Geraldine Demo, treasurer.





Top row—George Moy, Roger Bottilla, Bruce Swift, Robert Shoemaker, Carl Zubeck, Blaze Kozak, Marty Faltak, Thomas Szwaykowski, Edward Houck, Andrew Grusak.

Second row—Richard Hamady, Gary Ganz, James Kovakas, Nicholas Kolosci, Keith Brimmer, Jack Kenney, Ray Taylor, Perry Pappas, William Metz, David Capron.

Front row—Jack Hoyt, Carter Jackson, John DeVaney, Edwin Woodard, Edward Chambliss, Ronald Kersey, Jan Rappatta, Kent Hardebeck, Richard Jones, Richard Uhlir.

HI-Y

Once again this year, under the leadership of a new sponsor, the Hi-Y was organized for the purpose of influencing the boys to become better citizens and to help make the school a better place in which to live. It was Edison's first organization to make initiation week a time to improve the school instead of merely doing embarrassing stunts. As in former years, its activities included sponsoring an annual Courtesy Week and painting and fixing the building and lawn. In October the officers and sponsor attended a district conference at Morocco, Indiana.



Officers and Sponsor

Dennis Anderson, treasurer, Roy Claussen, secretary; Donald Kuzma, sergeant-at-arms; Mr. Szabo, sponsor; Ronald Park, president; Oral Peck, vice-president; Mike Haburjak, chaplain.



Top row—Carolyn Zack, Sylvia Van Cleef, Nancy O'Rourke, Eleanore Miller, Leona George, Alyce Forney, Beverly Leathurby, Phyllis Mattingly, Lois Haburjak, Shirley Ennis, Suzanne Anderson, Geraldine Demo, Regina Jones, Anna Grusak.

Fourth row—Cynthia Morrison, Marilynn McEwan, Dolores Smith, Susanna Armenth, Rita Halaschak, Sherry Niehaus, Helen Burnham, Donna Berg, Leona Zieba, Dolores Rearick, Claudette Cruikshank, Imogene Owens.

Third row—Delores Molnar, Betty Scott, Marjorie Mize, Mary Scheuer, Yvonne Petruzelli, Lois Heck, Nancy Quinlan, Mary Ann Tucker, Carolyn Salen, Florence Smith, Lois Cotter, Jean St. Myers, Barbara Smith.

Second row—Merle McDonald, Joan Rizzo, Rosemary Venturella, Carol Watts, Mary Ann Torrez, Joan Watts, Beverly Bottilla, Betty Truett, Patsy Eberhardt, Barbara Prott, Helen Baker, Greta Duncan.

Front row—Joyce Minor, Joyce Adams, Betty Jakich, Marilyn Homolia, Rosemary Kovacic, Verna Faitak, Lorriane Dreyovich, Barbara Havrilesko, Connie Rush, Betty Thompson, Dolores Pomaranski.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The chief purpose of the club is to promote interest and encourage girls in the art of homemaking. Membership is granted only to those girls who have had at least one year of home economics.

Display for Homecoming Dance received "Honorable Mention."



Officers and Sponsor

Bonnie Rogers, secretary; Bonnie Shaver, president; Miss Greger, sponsor; Thelma Mitchell, vice-president; Anna May Clark, sergeant-at-arms; Roberta Clemens, treasurer.





Top row—Celia Ortiz, Carolyn Olszyniak, Imogene Owens, Nancy O'Rourke, Sylvia Van Cleef, Beverly Leathurby, Sherry Niehaus, Phyllis Mattingly, Suzanne Anderson, Geraldine Demo, Bonnie Shaver, Thelma Mitchell, Dolores Pomaranski.

Second row—Betty Thompson, Roberta Clemens, Anna Grusak, Anna May Clark, Barbara Garner, Marjorie Mize, Yvonne Petruzelli, Nancy Quinlan, Carolyn Salen, Florence Smith, Barbara Smith, Dolores Rearick, Shirley Ennis.

Front row—Leona George, Dolores Smith, Ruth Burchardt, Carol Watts, Mary Ann Torrez, Beverly Bottila, Bonnie Rogers, Betty Truett, Patsy Eberhardt, Barbara Prott, Helen Baker, Regina Jones, Greta Duncan.

EDISON COMMERCIAL CLUB

Membership in the club is restricted to students who are or have taken business subjects; in this club are the future business leaders of East Gary as well as our own America.

Officers and Sponsor

Jean St. Myers, treasurer; Lois Cotter, secretary; Miss Hartley, sponsor; Joan Rizzo, vice-president; Rosemary Venturella, president.



Entry in displays for decoration of gym for Homecoming Dance.





Top row—Joyce Minor, Kendra Zinkovich, Lorraine Dreyovich, Verna Faitak, Barbara Havrilesko, Rita Halaschak, Isabel Dayberry, Helen Burnham, Donna Berg, Leona Zieba, Norma Patterson, Nancee Martin.

Second row—Joyce Adams, Betty Jakich, Carolyn Zack, Marilyn Homolla, Lois Heck, Nancy Quinlan, Mary Ann Tucker, Carolyn Salen, Florence Smith, Dolores Pomaranski, Patricia Taylor.

Front row—Delores Molnar, Anna May Clark, Rosemary Venturella, Carol Watts, Mary Ann Torrez, Joan Watts, Donna Bogdon, Patricia Munro, Ruth Burchardt, Lois Cotter, Jean St. Myers.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Girls who are interested and can earn enough points by regular participation in sports have the privilege of becoming G. A. A. members. Due to the fact that the gym was used generally during the year by the boys in basketball and other sports, the major sport of interest for the girls was bowling.

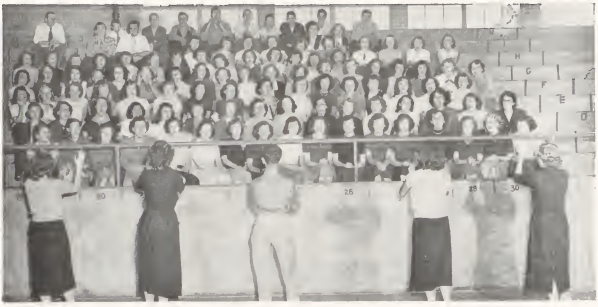
Officers and Sponsors

Beverly Leathurby, president; Barbara Smith, treasurer. Mrs. Pruitt, sponsor, Sherry Niehaus, point chairman; Dolores Rearick, secretary; Joan Rizzo, vice-president.

Basketball is the favorite of the girls when they have the opportunity of using the gym.







Club members—Anna May Clark, Betty Truett, Greta Duncan, Connie Rush, Barbara Prott, Regina Jones, Bonnie Shaver, Patsy Eberhardt, Shirley Ennis, Bonnie Rogers, Dolores Pomaranski, Helen Baker, Joan Rizzo, Sylvia Van Cleef, Betty Thompson, Beverly Leathurby, Janet McBride, Carolyn Oiszyniak, Rosemary Venturella, Celia Ortiz, Nancy O'Rourke, Imogene Owens, Barbara Garner, Dolores Smith, Thelma Mitchell, Phyllis Mattingly, Roberta Clemens, Lois Haburjak, Eleanore Miller, Mary Ann Torrez, Mary Ann Tucker, Dolores Rearick, Joan Watts, Beverly Bottila, Sherry Niehaus, Cynthia Morrison, Yvonne Petruzelli, Lois Cotter, Nancy Quinlan, Carolyn Salen, Barbara Smith, Suzanne Anderson, Geraldine Demo, Lorraine Dreyovich, Helen Burnham, Leona Zieba, Barbara Havrilesko, Verna Faltak, Rosemary Kovacic, Susanna Armenth, Jacqueline Zellers, Rita Halaschak, Isabel Dayberry, Claudette Cruikshank, Joan Newman, Marilynn McEwan, Donna Berg, Paula Gledich, Marilyn Homolla, Mary Eyrich, Norma Patterson, Joyce Adams, Nancee Martin, Gloria Conde, Carolyn Zack, Joyce Minor, Marilyn Kersey, Betty Jakich, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Ann Marie Halaschak, Raedeane Hickman, Virginia Cherry, Phyllis Bumbera, Carol Thorgren, Olivia Parker, Delores Todd, Peggy Barker, Ursula Norvil, Barbara Ramusack, Loretta Gray, Sally Summers, Sharon Jarabek, Betty Mize, Janice Morrison, Helen Coulter, Louise Kurtos, Barbara Schaefer, Carl Jablonski.

BOOSTER CLUB

Members of the newly organized Booster Club accomplished their purpose—to improve school spirit — by organizing a cheering section, selling pins on which the name of the school and school colors were printed, and getting busses for away-from-home games. They operated a check room at home games and sponsored a dance on November 30.

Officers and Sponsor

Mary Ann Torrez, secretary-treasurer; Connie Rush, president; Greta Duncan, vice-president.



Display for Homecoming Dance received "Honorable Mention."





ACTIVITIES

AS A THOROUGH EDUCATION IS NOT BASED SOLELY ON THE STUDY OF BOOKS, THE STUDENTS OF EDISON HAVE MANY VARIED ACTIVITIES IN WHICH TO PARTICIPATE. CONCERTS, DANCES, CARNIVAL, PROM, AND PUBLISHING THE PAPER AND YEARBOOK ARE ALL PART OF THE SOCIAL EDUCATION AT EDISON.



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Group Picture

Standing—Celia Ortiz, Barbara Prott, Thelma Mitchell, Perry Pappas, Phyllis Mattingly, Regina Jones, Betty Truett; *seated*—Joan Rizzo, Rosemary Venturella, Carolyn Olszyniak, Greta Duncan; *not pictured*—Imogene Owens.



Miss Hartley, *Sponsor*

As in former years, it was the duty of the *Edisonian* staff to finance and record the year's events for the student body in pictures and print.

Many other people have helped to make this book a success. We wish to thank the faculty, the students, our advertisers, our sponsor — Miss Hartley, and our photographer — Mr. Lee Coner for the part they have played in publishing "The 1952 Edisonian."



Top row of pictures—Patsy Eberhardt, editor; Betty Truett, associate editor; Bonnie Rogers, art editor; Edward Shudick, sports editor.

Standing—Nancy O'Rourke, Rosemary Venturella, Celia Ortiz, Perry Pappas, Carolyn Olszyniak, Joan Rizzo, Barbara Prott, Shirley Ennis, Thelma Mitchell, Imogene Owens, Barbara Garner, Dolores Smith, Greta Duncan, Regina Jones.

Seated—Helen Baker, Bonnie Shaver.

Not pictured—Eleanore Miller, Beverly Leathurby, Leona George.

EAGLE FEATHERS

Each year, Edison's students are kept informed about current school events by the staff of "Eagle Feathers," our bi-weekly school paper. Each staff member from editor to machine operator, worked hard to make the paper a success. Due to the cooperation of all staff members, the entire student body enjoyed each issue of the 1951-52 "Eagle Feathers."

"MISS EAGLE FEATHERS"—Barbara Prott
Barbara Prott and Edward Shudick were crowned queen and king of "Eagle Feathers" as high salesmen in the subscription campaign. Regina Jones, Nancy O'Rourke, Thelma Mitchell, and Celia Ortiz were runner-ups.

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Standing—Verle Jones, Mr. Snedeker, Richard Jones, Robert Muraco.

Third row—Alyce Forney, Patricia Taylor, Nancee Martin, Joyce Follow, Kathleen Kulivak, Ann Walker, Carter Jackson, Kendall Spencer, Fred Cochran, Ursula Burchardt, Guy Everett, Carl Thorne, James Warren, Daniel Orlich, Gordon Taylor, Emil Conde, Antoinette Choka, Beverly Berg, Joyce Brown, William Funkhouser, John DeVaney, Bruce Bailey, Arnold Stegall.

Second row—Phyllis Bumbera, Dallas Lehmann, Barbara Havrilesko, Carol Mattie, Kathleen Blagg, Olivia Parker, John Motto, Sally Summers, Joyce Minor, Betty Jakich, Lyndel Adams, Marilyn Kersey, Steve Kozak, Marilyn Homolla, Bruce Swift, Joyce Cunningham.

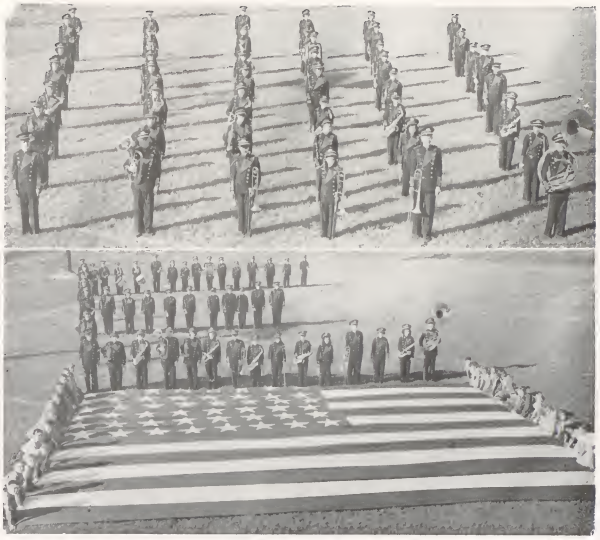
Front row—Connie Rush, Phyllis Sykes, Susanna Armenth, Richard Uhlir, Barbara Prott, Janice Johnston, Karen Havrilesko, Frances Bentley, Wayne Brown.

BAND

The band participated in many activities during the year. At the first concert given at Columbus School on November 21, the senior members were awarded their sweaters. Next a Christmas concert was given in cooperation with the choir.

In the district solo and ensemble contest held at Merrillville on February 9, the band received 21 first place ratings, 20 second place ratings, and 6 third place ratings. Instrumental soloists who took first place were as follows: Richard Uhlir, Connie Rush, Susanna Armenth, and Dallas Lehman — clarinet; Barbara Prott — bass clarinet; Bruce Bailey and Arnold Stegall — cornet; Guy Everett — sousaphone. The clarinet quartet — Connie Rush, Richard Uhlir, Barbara Prott, and Phyllis Sykes — took first place. Soloists who took second place were: Phyllis Sykes and Phyllis Bumbera — clarinet; Beverly Berg and Joyce Brown — cornet. The clarinet duet — Barbara Havrilesko and Dallas Lehman — took second place. The saxophone quartet — Marilyn Kersey, Marilyn Homolla, Betty Jakich, and Joyce Cunningham — took second place. Soloists who took third place were: Barbara Havrilesko — clarinet; Marilyn Kersey — saxophone.

Nine of the 21 first place ratings were eligible to attend the state solo and ensemble contest at Butler University in Indianapolis on February 23. Barbara Prott and the clarinet quartet composed of Connie Rush, Phyllis Sykes, Barbara Prott, and Richard Uhlir received first place at Indianapolis. Richard Uhlir, Connie Rush, Susanna Armenth, Arnold Stegall, and Guy Everett won second place; Bruce Bailey and Dallas Lehman won third place.



BAND *(Continued)*

The band entered the district contest held at Knox on April 5 and received second place rating.

After working hard for the district and state solo and ensemble contests and the district band contest, the members of the band were rewarded for their efforts by having the privilege of taking the annual band tour, which is a thrill and a joy for each band member.

The annual tour was taken in Michigan and northern Indiana on May 1, 2, and 3. After playing concerts at Mendon and Sturgis, they stayed all night at Sturgis, Michigan. The next day, they gave another concert at Fort Wayne Central High School and stayed all night at the Kennan Hotel in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Their last public appearance of the year was at commencement in Edison gym on May 22.

Officers

Connie Rush	President
Carl Thorne	Vice-President
Bruce Swift	Secretary
Barbara Prott	Treasurer
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State Solo and Ensemble Contest Winners

Clarinet Quartet

First Place

Richard Uhlir, Barbara Prott, Phyllis Sykes, Connie Rush.

Solo Winners

Top row—Barbara Prott, first place; Connie Rush, second place; Richard Uhlir, second place.

Middle row — Susanna Armenth, second place; Arnold Stegall, second place; Bruce Bailey, third place.

Bottom row—Dallas Lehmann, third place; Guy Everett, second place; Rosemary Kovacic, second place—piano.

Key Notes

Standing—Helen Baker, Rosemary Venturella, Anna Grusak, Dolores Pomaranski, Connie Rush, Betty Thompson.

Seated—Bonnie Rogers, Phyllis Mattingly, Roberta Clemens.



Cherriletts

Standing—Gloria Conde, Marilyn Kersey, Susanna Armenth, Mary Jackson, Kathleen Szostek, Rosemary Kovacic.

Seated—Joyce Adams, Betty Jakich, Carolyn Zack.



Boys' Quartet

Edward Shudick, Perry Pappas, Warren Ellis, Carl Jablonski.





CHOIR

Top row—Robert Jaroscak, Dennis Anderson, Arthur Arreguin, Ronald Park, Edwin Fronczak, Perry Pappas, Edward Houck, Andrew Grusak, Ray Taylor, James Kovakas, Carl Zubeck, Robert Shoemaker, Edward Shudick.

Third row—Carl Jablonski, Rita Halaschak, Shirley Ennis, Geraldine Demo, Suzanne Anderson, Dolores Pomaranski, Regina Jones, Bonnie Shaver, Bonnie Rogers, Greta Duncan, Helen Baker, Betty Truett, Patsy Eberhardt, Kathleen Szostek, John Jakich.

Second row—Warren Ellis, Imogene Owens, Thelma Mitchell, Betty Thompson, Phyllis Mattingly, Lois Haburjak, Beverly Leathurby, Jeanette Shappell, Mary Ann Tucker, Nancy Quinlan, Gloria Conde, Mary Jackson, Mitchell Najar.

Front row—Emanuele Venturella, Norma Patterson, Anna Grusak, Roberta Clemens, Anna May Clark, Carolyn Olszyniak, Joan Rizzo, Rosemary Venturella, Carolyn Zack, Rosemary Kovacic, Joseph Feistling.

GIRLS' CHORUS

Top row—Mary Ann Shoemaker, Norma Patterson, Rita Halaschak, Lorraine Dreyovich, Verna Faltak, Joan Watts, Beverly Bottila, Mary Ann Torrez, Marylan Thompson, Loretta Gray, Carolyn Thompson, Nellie Bright, Sharon Jarabek, Carol Watts, Arlene Kupke, Louise Kurtos.

Third row—Ann Marie Halaschak, Barbara Schuefer, Shirley Ennis, Geraldine Demo, Suzanne Anderson, Dolores Pomaranski, Regina Jones, Bonnie Shaver, Bonnie Rogers, Greta Duncan, Helen Baker, Betty Truett, Patsy Eberhardt, Kathleen Szostek, Barbara Ramusack.

Second row—Peggy Barker, Jacqueline Zellers, Imogene Owens, Thelma Mitchell, Betty Thompson, Phyllis Mattingly, Lois Haburjak, Beverly Leathurby, Jeanette Shappell, Mary Ann Tucker, Nancy Quinlan, Gloria Conde, Mary Jackson, Joyce Adams.

Front row—Beverley Hoskins, Phyllis Kludt, Shirley Lovin, Anna Grusak, Roberta Clemens, Anna May Clark, Carolyn Olszyniak, Joan Rizzo, Rosemary Venturella, Paula Gledich, Carolyn Zack, Rosemary Kovacic.

BOYS' CHORUS

Top row—Dennis Anderson, Robert Jaroscak, Arthur Arreguin, Edwin Fronczak, Leonard Garavalia, Mitchell Najar, Ray Taylor, Edward Houck, Warren Ellis, Andrew Grusak, Perry Pappas, Richard Hamady.

Front row—Ronald Park, Carl Zubeck, Robert Shoemaker, Oral Peek, Emanuele Venturella, Joseph Feistling, John Jakich, Carl Jablonski, James Kovakas, Edward Shudick.

CHORAL NOTES

The choral groups were trained by a new director, Miss Grabill, this year. The first event of the year in the vocal department was the annual Christmas concert given in connection with the band. On December 15, the choir sponsored a Christmas Ball in the gym, which was decorated in a gay holiday manner.

February 9, the district solo and ensemble contest was held at Merrillville. Rosemary Kovacic received first place rating on the piano in the district contest and second place rating at the state contest, as first place rating entitled her to enter the state contest. Edison's second place ratings were: Key Notes, Cherriletts, Boys' Quartet, Rosemary Venturella, Carl Jablonski, Gloria Conde, and Susanna Armenth. Katheen Szostek, Dolores Pomaranski, and Ann Marie Halaschak received third place ratings as soloists.

The choir entered the district contest which was held at Knox on April 5 to receive a second place rating.

The vocal students made their last public appearances of the year at Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises.



Standing—Mrs. Crisman, Paul Henry, Blaze Kozak, Robert Vizena, Jack Sandlin, Thomas Szwaykowski, Nancy Quinlan.

Seated—Lois Cotter, Jean St. Myers, Carolyn Salen, Suzanne Anderson, Ruth Burchardt, Geraldine Demo.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The members of the junior play cast, who presented successfully "My Heart's in High," a three act comedy on November 1, were: Dorie, an adorable young miss — Lois Cotter; Elva, her "moody" mother — Carolyn Salen; Leonidas, her meek father — Paul Henry; Perky, her little sister — Ruth Burchardt; Aunt Amity, a spry old aunt — Jean St. Myers; Bart her old standby — Jack Sandlin; Kitsie, her best friend — Geraldine Demo; Dot, a classmate — Suzanne Anderson; Dash, a lively boy friend — Robert Vizena; Freddie, a hopeful boy friend — Blaze Kozak; Mr. Leonard Sherman, an architect — Thomas Szwaykowski.





Top row—Edward Shudick, Mrs. Crisman, Barbara Garner, Dolores Pomaranski, Delores Molnar, Richard Jones, Norman Ellis, Perry Pappas.

Front row—Bonnie Shaver, Connie Rush, Anna May Clark, Betty Thompson, Bonnie Rogers, Rosemary Venturella.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"Aunt Susie Shoots the Works!" was presented with a bang by the following cast on March 28: Aunt Susie Stowe, an eccentric old maid — Anna May Clark; Joy Herbert, her delightful young niece — Bonnie Rogers; Scarlet Deane, Joy's colored maid — Rosemary Venturella; Laura Dawson, another maid — Dolores Pomaranski; Madame Zola, who sees all, knows all and tells nothing — Barbara Garner; Mrs. Edward Dunning (Cynthia), a neighbor — Betty Thompson; Portia Lark, a female lawyer — Connie Rush; Omar Graves, a successful business man — Edward Shudick; LaSalle Johnson, his colored servant — Perry Pappas; Johnny Rogers, engaged to Joy — Norman Ellis; Slick Conway, who adds to the mystery — Richard Jones.



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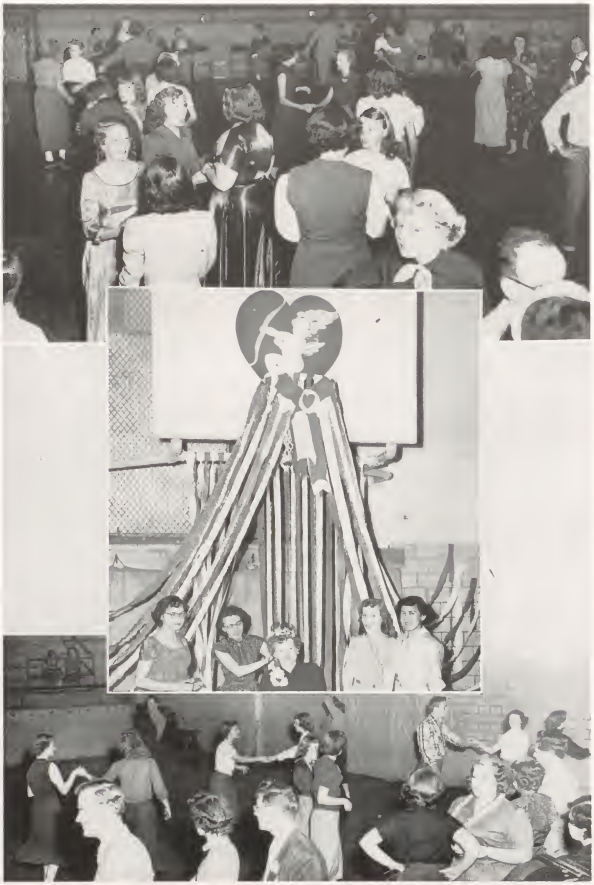


Lois Cotter
Carnival Queen






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Standing—David Capron, Arthur Kupke, Gene King, Edward Shudick, Edwin Fronczak, Richard Jones, Robert O'Connor, Carl Thorne, Roland Moore, Perry Pappas.

Seated—Boris Rastschupkin, Beverly Leathurby, Janet McBride, Connie Rush, Betty Smith, Eric Scharf.

SENIOR HONOR BANQUET

The annual Senior Honor Banquet was held at Teibel's Restaurant on May 5. This banquet is given each year by the Lion's Club for the senior athletes, cheerleaders, and honor students. After the banquet the seniors were introduced by Mr. Roos and the coaches, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Owen. The speaker of the evening was Julie Rykovich, well-known football player of the Chicago Bears.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll is published in the yearbook each year for the purpose of giving credit due students of outstanding scholastic achievement and to encourage others to work and earn grades so that their names will appear on the list the following year.

The number of times each student's name appears on the Honor Roll for the first five six-weeks' periods this year is listed.

Senior: Connie Rush and Janet McBride — 5; Betty Thompson — 4; Boris Rastschupkin — 3; Dolores Pomaranski, Edward Shudick, and Patsy Eberhardt — 1.

Sophomore: Joyce Minor — 4; Marilyn Ray, Joseph Feistling, and Jack Hoyt — 1.

Freshman: Louise Kurtos and Donald McBride — 5; Barbara Ramusack — 4; James Warren — 3; Bruce Bailey, Wayne Wesley, Gloria Castro, and Sally Summers — 1.



Junior-Senior Prom

At last, the long awaited night of May 8 arrived. This was the date of the annual Junior-Senior Prom, which was held at the Marquette Park Pavilion. The students appeared as young ladies and gentlemen in their formal attire. The Prom theme was "Twilight Time," and the couples danced to the enchanting music of Mickey Isley and his orchestra for an evening of perfect entertainment.



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We wish to thank our teachers for their patient guidance during the past four years. The knowledge we've gained from their teaching and the associations we have experienced in our extra-curricular activities have prepared us for the future, whether it be college, business, or homemaking.

So, Thomas A. Edison, it's time for us to leave your protecting fold and we must bid you a reluctant farewell. We shall never forget you, and we shall always cherish happy memories of you. We wish the best of success to each teacher, classmate, and friend. At last, we say, "Farewell."



